

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed April 17, 2006, claims 3, 5-10 and 16-22 are currently pending in the application. The Examiner objected to claims 3, 5-10 and 16-20 because of informalities. The Examiner provisionally rejected claim 3 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claim 1 of copending Application No. 10/159,496. The Examiner stated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in the Office Action and by filing a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection. The Examiner further stated that claims 5-10 and 16-22 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in the Office Action.

1. Response to Objections/Rejections

In the Office Action mailed April 17, 2006, the Examiner objected to claims 3, 5-10 and 16-20. In this regard, Applicant has made the appropriate correction required by the Examiner. In addition, Applicant has amended claim 3 to correct for typographical errors. In particular, Applicant has amended claims 5, 10 and 20 to clarify RTS to be request-to-send as shown in the Specification (page 6, line 9).

Further, the Examiner provisionally rejected claim 3 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claim 1 of copending Application No. 10/159,496. In response, Applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer.

Next, the Examiner stated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in the Office Action and by filing a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection. Applicant has made the

appropriate correction required by the Examiner and filed a terminal disclaimer as set forth above. The Examiner further stated that claims 5-10 and 16-22 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in the Office Action. In this regard, Applicant has made the appropriate corrections to claims 5-10 and 16-22 required by the Examiner.

For at least the forgoing reasons above, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance.

2. Conclusion

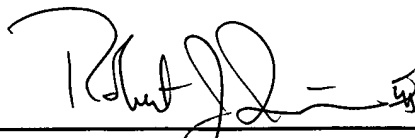
The Applicant submits that the application is in good and proper form for allowance and respectfully requests the Examiner to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, who is an attorney of record, at 312-913-3305.

Respectfully submitted,

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